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## OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN, TEXAS, MAY 2005

Workers in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown metropolitan area<sup>1</sup> had an average (mean) hourly wage of \$18.71 during May 2005, compared with the nationwide average of \$18.21, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. (See table A.) Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman noted that wages in the local area were significantly higher than their respective national averages in 7 of the 22 major occupational groups and significantly below in 5 others. In addition, when compared to the nationwide distribution, local employment was more highly concentrated in 6 of the 22 occupational groups, while 7 groups had employment shares significantly below their representation nationally. (For a complete listing of occupations in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area with wages and employment shares significantly different from their respective national averages, see the *Results of Significance Testing* section in the Technical Note.)

**Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005**

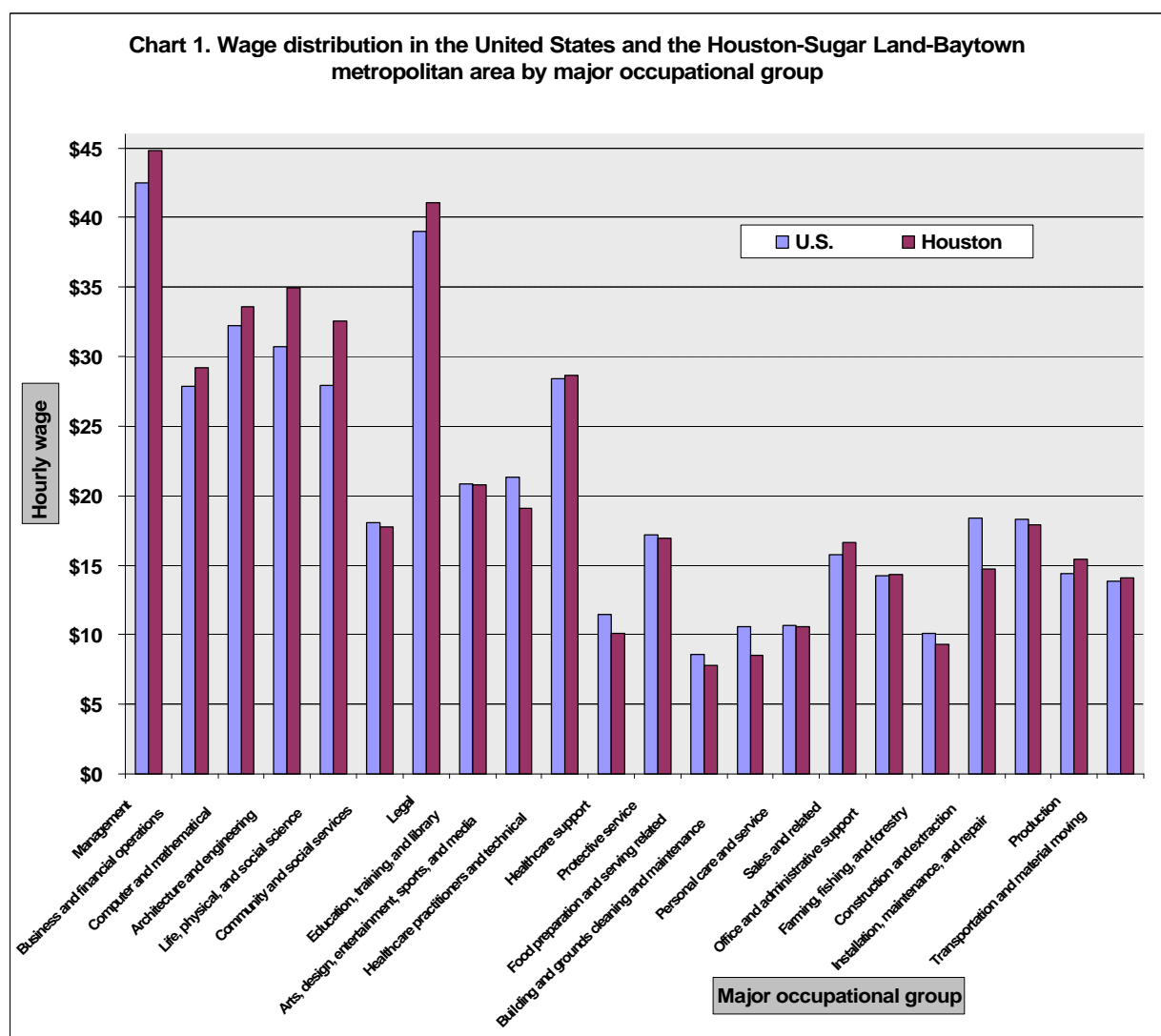
Major occupational group	Employment as percent of total		Average (mean) hourly wage	
	United States	Houston	United States	Houston
Total	100.0%	100.0%	\$18.21	\$18.71
Management	4.6%	5.0%	42.52	44.80
Business and financial operations	4.2%	4.1%	27.85	29.19
Computer and mathematical	2.3%	2.1%	32.26	33.55
Architecture and engineering	1.8%	2.9%	30.73	34.90
Life, physical, and social science	0.9%	1.1%	27.90	32.52
Community and social services	1.3%	0.7%	18.04	17.78
Legal	0.8%	0.9%	38.98	41.09
Education, training, and library	6.2%	6.2%	20.89	20.78
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.3%	1.0%	21.30	19.11
Healthcare practitioners and technical	5.0%	4.9%	28.45	28.66
Healthcare support	2.6%	2.1%	11.47	10.08
Protective service	2.3%	2.3%	17.19	16.96
Food preparation and serving related	8.3%	7.8%	8.58	7.78
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	3.3%	3.4%	10.55	8.50
Personal care and service	2.4%	2.6%	10.67	10.59
Sales and related	10.7%	10.5%	15.77	16.62
Office and administrative support	17.5%	17.3%	14.28	14.32
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3%	0.1%	10.10	9.33
Construction and extraction	4.9%	6.2%	18.39	14.70
Installation, maintenance, and repair	4.1%	4.4%	18.30	17.94
Production	7.9%	7.2%	14.37	15.43
Transportation and material moving	7.4%	7.1%	13.85	14.06

<sup>1</sup> The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller Counties, Texas. Houston, the Houston metropolitan area, and other such abbreviations, are used interchangeably to refer to the official MSA designated area.

These statistics are from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, a federal-state cooperative program between BLS and State Workforce Agencies. The OES survey provides estimates of employment and hourly and annual wages for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and up to 801 non-military detailed occupations for the nation, states, and 375 metropolitan areas, including Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas.

### Occupational wages in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area

Management and legal occupations were the two highest-paid occupational groups in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area in May 2005, with management positions averaging \$44.80 an hour and the legal professions, \$41.09. (See chart 1 and table A.) Nationwide, these were also the two highest-paying groups, with earnings of \$42.52 in management and \$38.98 in legal occupations. Within the management group in Houston, hourly wages varied widely. Four occupations had hourly rates over \$50.00 (chief executives, engineering managers, marketing managers, and financial managers) and six had rates under \$25.00 (food service managers; funeral directors; social and community service managers; lodging managers; property, real estate, and community association managers; and education administrators, preschool and child care center/program). In the legal arena, lawyers were among the highest paid at \$58.12 an hour, while title examiners, abstractors, and searchers were at the lower end of the wage scale averaging \$15.98 an hour. (Detailed occupational data are presented in table 1.)



Three occupational groups in the Houston area had pay levels clustered between \$32.00 and \$35.00 per hour. Locally, architecture and engineering occupations averaged \$34.90 an hour; computer and mathematical, \$33.55; and life, physical, and social science, \$32.52. In each of these occupational groups, local pay was above its respective nationwide average, with jobs in architecture and engineering as well as life, physical, and social science having some of the higher percentage differentials in pay within the metropolitan area.

The hourly wage for production workers in Houston was also higher than the national wage, averaging \$15.43 locally, 7 percent above the U.S. level of \$14.37. Within this group, four jobs reported hourly earnings of \$26.00 or more per hour. These occupations included power plant operators; power distributors and dispatchers; petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers; and chemical plant and system operators. Jobs with relatively low earnings in this group included production worker helpers (\$9.25 per hour) and laundry and dry cleaning workers (\$7.30).

Food preparation and serving related occupations were the lowest-paid group locally, \$7.78, and nationally, \$8.58. Within this group in the Houston area, chefs and head cooks were among the highest paid, earning \$17.05 an hour, while dishwashers, earning \$6.90, were at the lower end of the pay scale. Workers in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance were also among the lower paid in the metropolitan area, earning \$8.50 per hour. This local wage was nearly 20 percent below the national average of \$10.55.

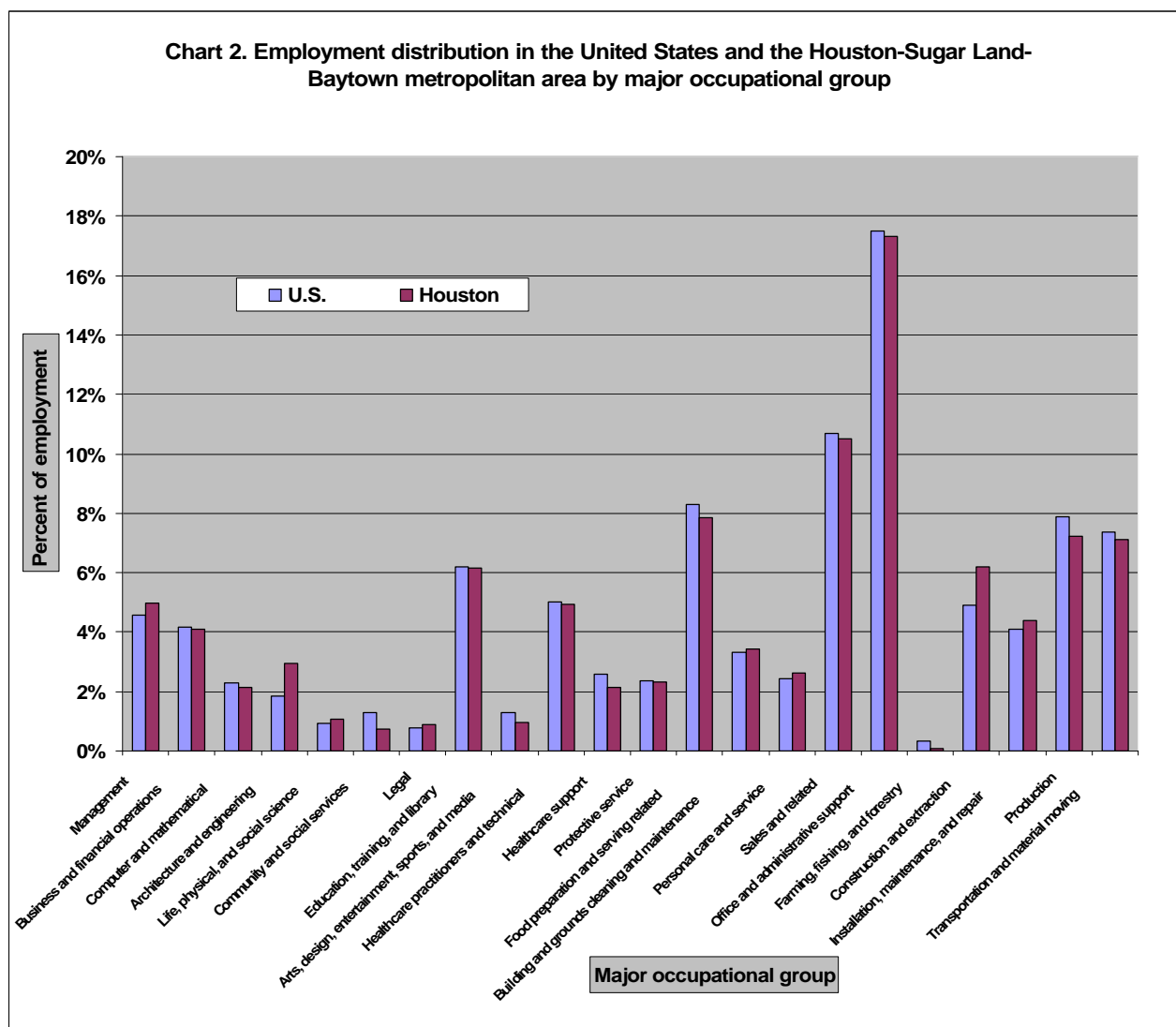
#### Occupational employment in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area

The largest major occupational group in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area was office and administrative support with a total of 395,050 workers representing 17.3 percent of area employment. (See chart 2.) Nationally, this was also the largest worker group, accounting for 17.5 percent of employment. Among the most numerous jobholders within the office and administrative support grouping in Houston were general office clerks (42,910); customer service representatives (40,830); secretaries except legal, medical, and executive (37,640); and executive secretaries and administrative assistants (37,600).

In the Houston metropolitan area, sales occupations were the second largest major occupational grouping with 10.5 percent of the local workforce; this compares to a 10.7-percent national share. Within the local sales and related occupational group, the relatively low-paid positions of retail salespersons (\$11.16) and cashiers (\$7.79) accounted for over one-half of the total with 77,750 and 56,650 workers, respectively. However, another large group in the sales field, wholesale and manufacturing sales representatives (except technical and scientific products), with 28,110 workers, was among the higher paid in this occupational group, averaging \$26.62.

One of the occupational groups in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area with an employment share significantly larger than that for the nation was architecture and engineering. This group made up 2.9 percent of metropolitan area employment compared to 1.8 percent nationally. Additionally, the local hourly wage of \$34.90 for this group was 14 percent above the national average of \$30.73. Another occupational group with a significantly larger share of employment in the Houston area compared to its representation nationally was construction and extraction. Locally, workers in this group comprised 6.2 percent of employment compared to 4.9 percent nationwide. However, the local hourly wage of \$14.70 for the construction and extraction workers was 20 percent below the national average of \$18.39.

Houston area employment in nine major occupational groups was not significantly different from their national shares. However, seven local groups did have lower-than-average representation in the local workforce. One of the larger differentials was in healthcare support jobs which accounted for 2.1 percent of jobs in the metropolitan area compared to 2.6 percent of the jobs in the U.S. The most prevalent local occupations in this group included nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants (17,830); medical assistants (10,470); and home health aides (8,820). Production workers also had less of a presence in the Houston area, accounting for 7.2 percent of local employment compared to 7.9 percent of the national workforce. With almost 165,000 production workers in Houston, larger occupations included team assemblers (13,120), welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers (12,230), machinists (9,750), and petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers (8,350).



## **Technical Note**

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a semiannual mail survey measuring occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments in the United States. Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands also are surveyed, but their data are not included in this release. OES estimates are constructed from a sample of about 1.2 million establishments. Forms are mailed to approximately 200,000 establishments in May and November of each year for a 3-year period. The nationwide response rate for the May 2005 survey was 78.4 percent based on establishments and 73.2 percent based on employment. The survey included establishments sampled in the May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, November 2003, May 2003, and November 2002 semiannual panels. The sample in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown metropolitan area included 11,164 establishments with a response rate of 68 percent.

### **The occupational coding system**

The OES survey uses the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) occupational classification system, the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC system is the first OMB-required occupational classification system for federal agencies. The OES survey categorizes workers in 1 of 801 detailed occupations. Together, these detailed occupations comprise 23 major occupational groups, one of which—military specific occupations—is not included in the OES survey. The major groups are as follows:

- Management occupations
- Business and financial operations occupations
- Computer and mathematical science occupations
- Architecture and engineering occupations
- Life, physical, and social science occupations
- Community and social services occupations
- Legal occupations
- Education, training, and library occupations
- Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations
- Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations
- Healthcare support occupations
- Protective service occupations
- Food preparation and serving related occupations
- Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations
- Personal care and service occupations
- Sales and related occupations
- Office and administrative support occupations
- Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations
- Construction and extraction occupations
- Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations
- Production occupations
- Transportation and material moving occupations
- Military specific occupations (not surveyed in OES)

For more information about the SOC system, please see the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/soc/home/htm>.

## **The industry coding system**

The OES survey uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For more information about NAICS, see the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

The OES survey includes establishments in NAICS sectors 11 (logging and agricultural support activities only), 21, 22, 23, 31-33, 42, 44-45, 48-49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 71, 72, 81 (except private households), state government, and local government. The U.S. Postal Service and the executive branch of the federal government are also included. An establishment is defined as an economic unit that processes goods or provides services, such as a factory, mine, or store. The establishment is generally at a single physical location and is engaged primarily in one type of economic activity.

The OES survey covers all full-and part-time wage and salary workers in nonfarm industries. The survey does not include the self-employed owners and partners in unincorporated firms, household workers, or unpaid family workers.

## **Survey sample**

BLS funds the survey and provides the procedures and technical support, while the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) collect most of the data. BLS produces cross-industry and industry-specific estimates for the nation, states, and metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Industry-specific estimates are produced at the NAICS sector, 3-digit, 4-digit, and selected 5-digit industry levels. BLS releases all cross-industry and national estimates; the SWAs release industry-specific estimates at the state and MSA levels.

State Unemployment Insurance (UI) files provide the universe from which the OES survey draws its sample. Employment benchmarks are obtained from reports submitted by employers to the UI program. Supplemental sources are used for rail transportation (NAICS 4821) and Guam because they do not report to the UI program. The OES survey sample is stratified by metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas and industry. Samples selected in panels prior to May 2005 were stratified using MSA definitions based on the 1990 Metropolitan Statistical Area Standards. Beginning with the May 2005 panel, the sample was stratified using new MSA definitions based on the 2000 Metropolitan Statistical Area Standards.

A census of federal government and the U.S. Postal Service is taken every panel. A census of state government and Hawaii's local government is taken every November panel. In order to provide the most occupational coverage, larger employers are more likely to be selected than smaller employers. The unweighted employment of sampled establishments makes up approximately 65 percent of total national employment.

## **Concepts**

*Occupational employment* is the estimate of total wage and salary employment in an occupation across the industries surveyed. The OES survey defines employment as the number of workers who can be classified as full- or part-time employees, including workers on paid vacations or other types of paid leave; workers on unpaid short-term absences; salaried officers, executives, and staff members of incorporated firms; employees temporarily assigned to other units; and employees for whom the reporting unit is their permanent duty station regardless of whether that unit prepares their paycheck.

The OES survey form sent to establishments with more than 10 workers contains between 50 and 225 SOC occupations selected on the basis of the sampled establishment's industry classification. To reduce paperwork and respondent burden, no survey form contains every SOC occupation. Thus, data for specific occupations are collected primarily from establishments in industries that are the predominant employers of workers in those occupations. Each survey form is structured, however, to allow a respondent to provide detailed occupational information for each worker at the establishment; that is, unlisted occupations can be added to the survey form. Employers with 10 or fewer workers are sent a form with no occupations listed, and are instructed to fill in the occupations for their workers.

*Wages* for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay. Base rate, cost-of-living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay including commissions and production bonuses, tips, and on-call pay are included. Excluded are: back pay, jury duty pay, overtime pay, severance pay, shift differentials, non-production bonuses, employer cost for supplementary benefits, and tuition reimbursements.

The OES survey collects wage data in 12 intervals. Employers report the number of employees in an occupation for each wage range. The wage intervals used for the May 2005 survey are as follows:

Interval	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Range A	Under \$6.75	Under \$14,040
Range B	\$6.75 to \$8.49	\$14,040 to \$17,679
Range C	\$8.50 to \$10.74	\$17,680 to \$22,359
Range D	\$10.75 to \$13.49	\$22,360 to \$28,079
Range E	\$13.50 to \$16.99	\$28,080 to \$35,359
Range F	\$17.00 to \$21.49	\$35,360 to \$44,719
Range G	\$21.50 to \$27.24	\$44,720 to \$56,679
Range H	\$27.25 to \$34.49	\$56,680 to \$71,759
Range I	\$34.50 to \$43.74	\$71,760 to \$90,999
Range J	\$43.75 to \$55.49	\$91,000 to \$115,439
Range K	\$55.50 to \$69.99	\$115,440 to \$145,599
Range L	\$70.00 and over	\$145,600 and over

*Mean Hourly Wage.* The mean hourly wage rate for an occupation is the total wages that all workers in the occupation earn in an hour divided by the total employment of the occupation. To calculate the mean hourly wage of each occupation, total weighted hourly wages are summed across all intervals and divided by the occupation's weighted survey employment. The mean wage for each interval is based on occupational wage data collected by the BLS Office of Compensation and Working Conditions for the National Compensation Survey (NCS). The mean hourly wage value for the highest wage interval, \$70.00 and over, was computed separately for NCS data from 2004, 2003, and 2002. The average of these mean wage rates was used for all of the \$70.00 and over data in the May 2005 survey. The wage rates for this interval do not go through any wage updating procedures.

*Percentile Wage.* The p-th percentile wage rate for an occupation is the wage where p percent of all workers earn that amount or less and where (100-p) percent of all workers earn that amount or more. This statistic is calculated by uniformly distributing the workers inside each wage interval, ranking the workers from lowest paid to highest paid, and calculating the product of the total employment for the occupation and the desired percentile to determine the worker that earns the p-th percentile wage rate.

*Annual Wage.* Many employees are paid at an hourly rate by their employers and may work more than or less than 40 hours per week. Annual wage estimates for most occupations in this release are calculated by multiplying the mean hourly wage by a "year-round, full-time" figure of 2,080 hours (52 weeks by 40 hours). Thus, annual wage estimates may not represent the actual annual pay received by the employee if they work more or less than 2,080 hours per year. Some workers typically work less than fulltime, year round. For these occupations, the OES survey collects and reports either the annual salary or the hourly wage rate, depending on how the occupation is typically paid, but not both. For example, teachers, flight attendants, and pilots may be paid an annual salary, but do not work the usual 2,080 hours per year. In this case, an annual salary is reported. Other workers, such as entertainment workers, are paid hourly rates, but generally do not work full time, year round. For these workers, only an hourly wage is reported.

*Hourly versus Annual Wage Reporting.* For each occupation, respondents are asked to report the number of employees paid within specific wage intervals. The intervals are defined both as hourly rates and the corresponding annual rates, where the annual rate for an occupation is calculated by multiplying the hourly wage rate by a typical work year of 2,080 hours. The responding establishment can reference either the hourly or the annual rate for full-time workers, but they are instructed to report the hourly rate for part-time workers.

## **Estimation methodology**

Each OES panel includes approximately 200,000 establishments. The OES survey is designed to produce estimates using six panels (3 years) of data. The full six-panel sample of 1.2 million establishments allows the production of estimates at detailed levels of geography, industry, and occupation.

*Wage Updating.* Significant reductions in sampling errors are obtained by combining six panels of data, particularly for small geographic areas and occupations. Wages for the current panel need no adjustment. However, wages in the five previous panels need to be updated to the current panel's reference period.

The OES program uses the BLS Employment Cost Index (ECI) to adjust survey data from prior panels before combining them with the current panel's data. The wage updating procedure adjusts each detailed occupation's wage rate, as measured in the earlier panel, according to the average movement of its broader occupational division. The procedure assumes that there are no major differences by geography, industry, or detailed occupation within the occupational division.

*Imputation.* About 20 percent of establishments do not respond for a given panel. A "nearest neighbor" hot deck imputation procedure is used to impute missing occupational employment totals. A variant of mean imputation is used to impute for missing wage distributions. The variant of mean imputation for wage distributions also is applied to establishments that provide reports with occupational totals but partial or missing wage data.



*Weighting and Benchmarking.* The sample establishments in each panel are weighted to represent all establishments that were part of the in-scope frame from which the panel was selected. Based on the sampled establishments, sampling weights are adjusted when six panels are combined. Sampling weights are further adjusted by the ratio of employment totals (the averages of November 2004 and May 2005 employment) from the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages to employment totals from the OES survey.

*May 2005 OES survey estimates.* The May 2005 OES survey estimates are based on all data collected from establishments in the May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, November 2003, May 2003, and November 2002 semiannual samples.

*Reliability of the estimates.* Estimates calculated from a sample survey are subject to two types of error: sampling and nonsampling. *Sampling error* occurs when estimates are calculated from a subset (i.e., sample) of the population instead of the full population. When a sample of the population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimate of the characteristic of interest may differ from the population value of that characteristic. Differences between the sample estimate and the population value will vary depending on the sample selected. This variability can be estimated by calculating the standard error (SE) of the sample estimate. If we were to repeat the sampling and estimation process countless times using the same survey design, approximately 90 percent of the intervals created by adding and subtracting 1.645 SEs from the sample estimate would include the population value. These intervals are called 90-percent confidence intervals. The OES survey, however, usually uses the relative standard error (RSE) of a sample estimate instead of its SE to measure sampling error. RSE is defined as the SE of a sample estimate divided by the sample estimate itself. This statistic provides the user with a measure of the relative precision of the sample estimate. RSEs are calculated for both occupational employment and mean wage rate estimates. Occupational employment RSEs are calculated using a subsample, random group replication technique called the Jackknife. Mean wage rate RSEs are calculated using a variance components model that accounts for both the observed and unobserved components of the wage data. The variances of the unobserved components are estimated using wage data from the BLS National Compensation Survey. In general, estimates based on many establishments have lower RSEs than estimates based on few establishments. If the distributional assumptions of the models are violated, the resulting confidence intervals may not reflect the prescribed level of confidence.

*Nonsampling error* occurs for a variety of reasons, none of which are directly connected to sampling. Examples of nonsampling error include: nonresponse, data incorrectly reported by the respondent, mistakes made in entering collected data into the database, and mistakes made in editing and processing the collected data.

*Results of significance testing.* The OES significance tests in this release compare wage and employment data for the 22 major occupational groups in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown metropolitan area to their respective national averages. Those occupations with wages or employment shares above or below the national wage or share after testing for significance at the 90 percent confidence interval are identified in the table below. NOTE: A value that is statistically different from another does not necessarily mean that the difference has economic or practical significance. Statistical significance is concerned with our ability to make confident statements about a universe based on a sample. It is entirely possible that a large difference between two values is not significantly different statistically, while a small difference is, since both the size and heterogeneity of the sample affect the relative error of the data being tested.

**Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of significant significance, May 2005**

Major occupational group	Employment share (percent of total)			Average (mean) hourly wage		
	United States	Houston	Significant Difference <sup>1</sup>	United States	Houston	Significant Difference <sup>1</sup>
Management	4.6%	5.0%	Yes	42.52	44.80	Yes
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Healthcare practitioners and technical	5.0%	4.9%	No	28.45	28.66	No
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Food preparation and serving related	8.3%	7.8%	Yes	8.58	7.78	Yes
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Personal care and service	2.4%	2.6%	No	10.67	10.59	No
Sales and related	10.7%	10.5%	No	15.77	16.62	Yes
Office and administrative support	17.5%	17.3%	No	14.28	14.32	No
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3%	0.1%	Yes	10.10	9.33	No
Construction and extraction	4.9%	6.2%	Yes	18.39	14.70	Yes
Installation, maintenance, and repair	4.1%	4.4%	Yes	18.30	17.94	No
Production	7.9%	7.2%	Yes	14.37	15.43	Yes
Transportation and material moving	7.4%	7.1%	Yes	13.85	14.06	No

<sup>1</sup> Statistical significance testing at the 90 percent confidence interval.

## Additional information

The May 2005 OES national data by occupation, comparable to data in table 1, are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/oes>. Users also may access each occupation's definition and percentile wages. The May 2005 cross-industry data for states and metropolitan areas are available on the BLS Web site. Industry staffing patterns at the sector, 3-, 4-, and selected 5-digit NAICS levels also are available from the Internet. These data include industry-specific occupational employment and wage data.

OES data are available on our regional web page at <http://www.bls.gov/ro6/home.htm> and on our fax-on-demand system. For a catalog of items available to be faxed to you, call our fax-on-demand number at 214-767-9613. If you have additional questions, contact the BLS Southwest Economic Analysis and Information Unit at 214-767-6970. Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone number: 1-800-877-8339.

**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005**

	Employment (1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual (2)	
<b>All Occupations</b>	2,282,410	18.71	38,910	14.03
<b>Management occupations</b>	113,170	44.80	93,190	39.49
Chief executives	4,040	77.10	160,370	(3)
General and operations managers	39,030	49.72	103,420	42.59
Legislators	110	(4)	17,650	(4)
Advertising and promotions managers	540	34.09	70,900	28.20
Marketing managers	2,800	51.72	107,570	48.50
Sales managers	5,650	46.78	97,300	42.26
Public relations managers	640	41.11	85,520	35.54
Administrative services managers	4,910	37.31	77,600	35.79
Computer and information systems managers	3,660	48.87	101,640	46.96
Financial managers	8,130	50.34	104,710	45.65
Compensation and benefits managers	1,170	42.21	87,790	39.60
Training and development managers	490	42.02	87,400	40.30
Human resources managers, all other	430	46.75	97,240	43.81
Industrial production managers	3,530	45.03	93,650	42.92
Purchasing managers	1,290	44.51	92,590	40.47
Transportation, storage, and distribution managers	2,030	37.50	77,990	33.04
Construction managers	6,080	37.68	78,370	32.93
Education administrators, preschool and child care center/program	1,020	14.15	29,430	12.25
Education administrators, elementary and secondary school	3,510	(4)	69,340	(4)
Education administrators, postsecondary	680	44.33	92,210	37.84
Education administrators, all other	220	26.32	54,740	21.97
Engineering managers	5,570	55.08	114,570	54.03
Food service managers	3,930	24.40	50,760	22.05
Funeral directors	430	22.65	47,120	19.84
Lodging managers	380	21.72	45,180	22.56
Medical and health services managers	3,400	36.12	75,120	33.71
Natural sciences managers	430	48.96	101,830	46.75
Postmasters and mail superintendents	100	30.50	63,440	30.29
Property, real estate, and community association managers	4,420	18.51	38,510	14.63
Social and community service managers	1,100	22.14	46,050	21.15
Managers, all other	3,420	40.48	84,190	37.21
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b>	92,910	29.19	60,710	26.27
Agents and business managers of artists, performers, and athletes	100	(5)	(5)	(5)
Purchasing agents and buyers, farm products	130	27.09	56,340	29.50
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products	2,430	25.51	53,060	22.06
Purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail, and farm products	5,050	25.19	52,390	23.36
Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators	3,300	24.79	51,570	23.24
Insurance appraisers, auto damage	70	22.47	46,750	22.25
Compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety, and transportation	2,690	27.33	56,850	25.61
Cost estimators	3,700	31.24	64,990	29.66
Emergency management specialists	90	26.25	54,600	26.34
Employment, recruitment, and placement specialists	3,400	24.90	51,790	21.48
Compensation, benefits, and job analysis specialists	2,730	26.46	55,030	24.99
Training and development specialists	2,910	23.73	49,350	22.94
Human resources, training, and labor relations specialists, all other	1,190	27.90	58,030	25.50
Logisticians	1,400	29.55	61,460	29.22
Management analysts	8,320	32.30	67,180	28.47
Meeting and convention planners	570	18.86	39,220	17.73
Business operations specialists, all other	14,800	31.52	65,560	29.77
Accountants and auditors	23,660	28.90	60,120	26.04
Appraisers and assessors of real estate	290	22.97	47,770	20.31
Budget analysts	720	30.87	64,210	29.31
Credit analysts	930	28.77	59,830	25.66
Financial analysts	4,640	36.51	75,930	30.88
Personal financial advisors	1,720	34.56	71,880	30.34
Insurance underwriters	1,090	24.71	51,390	22.29
Financial examiners	280	37.06	77,090	35.02
Loan counselors	270	17.08	35,530	15.93
Loan officers	3,940	31.91	66,360	26.32
Tax examiners, collectors, and revenue agents	690	33.54	69,760	34.47
Tax preparers	540	12.33	25,640	8.46
Financial specialists, all other	1,300	24.30	50,550	21.40

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment (1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual (2)	
<b>Computer and mathematical occupations</b>	48,980	33.55	69,780	31.52
Computer and information scientists, research	380	36.05	74,990	34.22
Computer programmers	6,690	39.13	81,390	35.76
Computer software engineers, applications	6,170	43.05	89,530	38.44
Computer software engineers, systems software	6,240	39.82	82,830	39.78
Computer support specialists	8,200	20.72	43,100	19.94
Computer systems analysts	8,890	33.08	68,800	32.56
Database administrators	1,560	31.87	66,290	30.34
Network and computer systems administrators	5,060	30.03	62,460	28.42
Network systems and data communications analysts	2,680	32.23	67,030	29.50
Computer specialists, all other	1,900	32.21	67,000	29.27
Actuaries	70	39.18	81,500	34.60
Mathematicians	(5)	21.65	45,040	18.52
Operations research analysts	990	34.23	71,190	34.18
Statisticians	80	31.08	64,650	28.07
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b>	67,330	34.90	72,600	32.70
Architects, except landscape and naval	2,490	37.44	77,880	33.32
Landscape architects	160	25.67	53,390	24.97
Cartographers and photogrammetrists	190	32.63	67,880	36.58
Surveyors	2,070	27.57	57,340	27.14
Biomedical engineers	80	32.26	67,110	31.07
Chemical engineers	2,190	40.84	84,940	41.34
Civil engineers	6,260	37.56	78,120	35.30
Computer hardware engineers	790	42.88	89,190	43.26
Electrical engineers	3,280	42.80	89,030	40.45
Electronics engineers, except computer	1,590	35.39	73,620	33.60
Environmental engineers	730	37.56	78,110	36.77
Health & safety engineers, except mining safety engineers & inspectors	990	31.97	66,500	30.39
Industrial engineers	3,410	37.94	78,910	38.02
Marine engineers and naval architects	1,030	39.78	82,750	37.70
Materials engineers	400	37.51	78,020	37.36
Mechanical engineers	7,300	37.42	77,820	36.36
Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety engineers	700	50.61	105,270	53.15
Petroleum engineers	5,050	52.94	110,120	52.05
Engineers, all other	3,560	42.50	88,410	44.06
Architectural and civil drafters	2,540	22.14	46,050	21.36
Electrical and electronics drafters	440	24.27	50,480	21.86
Mechanical drafters	3,020	24.25	50,440	23.80
Aerospace engineering and operations technicians	(5)	26.70	55,540	26.03
Civil engineering technicians	3,260	19.58	40,720	18.02
Electrical and electronic engineering technicians	4,210	27.75	57,720	25.20
Electro-mechanical technicians	360	23.69	49,280	23.14
Environmental engineering technicians	630	20.70	43,050	21.06
Industrial engineering technicians	1,580	26.72	55,580	26.27
Mechanical engineering technicians	1,130	24.92	51,840	23.69
Engineering technicians, except drafters, all other	1,330	27.33	56,840	27.43
Surveying and mapping technicians	2,080	17.42	36,230	16.08
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b>	24,340	32.52	67,650	26.52
Animal scientists	(5)	24.66	51,290	20.26
Food scientists and technologists	50	18.85	39,210	17.44
Soil and plant scientists	50	28.36	58,990	27.65
Zoologists and wildlife biologists	(5)	30.17	62,740	27.33
Biological scientists, all other	160	33.91	70,540	31.15
Conservation scientists	40	33.30	69,270	31.24
Physicists	190	39.36	81,860	32.65
Atmospheric and space scientists	90	30.00	62,410	26.84
Chemists	1,370	28.26	58,790	25.40
Materials scientists	150	43.21	89,880	42.63
Environmental scientists and specialists, including health	1,420	33.08	68,820	23.66
Geoscientists, except hydrologists and geographers	5,060	54.29	112,920	55.71
Hydrologists	80	30.56	63,560	30.23
Economists	90	35.66	74,170	36.77
Market research analysts	3,240	33.01	68,660	32.23
Survey researchers	80	13.35	27,760	9.07
Clinical, counseling, and school psychologists	1,160	32.68	67,970	26.72

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment (1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual (2)	
Psychologists, all other	50	34.42	71,600	37.39
Urban and regional planners	180	26.15	54,380	25.90
Social scientists and related workers, all other	250	30.67	63,790	28.81
Agricultural and food science technicians	150	14.88	30,950	14.99
Biological technicians	600	19.04	39,600	19.36
Chemical technicians	2,210	23.55	48,990	24.15
Geological and petroleum technicians	2,230	22.07	45,910	18.92
Environmental science and protection technicians, including health	980	17.72	36,860	16.85
Forensic science technicians	70	23.20	48,250	23.84
Life, physical, and social science technicians, all other	740	19.56	40,690	17.35
<b>Community and social services occupations</b>	<b>16,490</b>	<b>17.78</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>16.51</b>
Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors	760	11.55	24,020	12.25
Educational, vocational, and school counselors	2,960	24.86	51,720	25.21
Marriage and family therapists	50	21.39	44,490	20.09
Mental health counselors	520	17.95	37,350	17.81
Rehabilitation counselors	1,470	14.96	31,110	15.23
Counselors, all other	830	23.63	49,140	24.65
Child, family, and school social workers	2,650	15.90	33,080	15.37
Medical and public health social workers	1,480	20.74	43,140	19.84
Mental health and substance abuse social workers	740	16.88	35,110	15.25
Social workers, all other	230	20.94	43,560	18.13
Health educators	790	20.51	42,660	18.79
Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists	960	16.49	34,300	16.11
Social and human service assistants	2,470	11.09	23,070	10.14
Community and social service specialists, all other	350	13.83	28,760	12.62
Clergy	160	19.04	39,600	18.55
Directors, religious activities and education	50	22.44	46,670	23.16
<b>Legal occupations</b>	<b>20,430</b>	<b>41.09</b>	<b>85,460</b>	<b>31.37</b>
Lawyers	10,890	58.12	120,900	58.23
Administrative law judges, adjudicators, and hearing officers	160	46.11	95,910	45.95
Arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators	50	28.59	59,470	21.19
Judges, magistrate judges, and magistrates	400	32.20	66,970	39.67
Paralegals and legal assistants	4,820	22.46	46,720	20.61
Law clerks	810	19.45	40,450	19.34
Title examiners, abstractors, and searchers	2,220	15.98	33,240	13.40
Legal support workers, all other	(5)	22.54	46,880	23.47
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b>	<b>140,700</b>	<b>20.78</b>	<b>43,220</b>	<b>19.96</b>
Business teachers, postsecondary	610	(4)	75,500	(4)
Computer science teachers, postsecondary	440	(4)	66,760	(4)
Mathematical science teachers, postsecondary	930	(4)	62,720	(4)
Engineering teachers, postsecondary	670	(4)	73,860	(4)
Agricultural sciences teachers, postsecondary	(5)	(4)	58,560	(4)
Chemistry teachers, postsecondary	(5)	(4)	75,390	(4)
Physics teachers, postsecondary	130	(4)	70,950	(4)
Economics teachers, postsecondary	110	(4)	78,820	(4)
Geography teachers, postsecondary	40	(4)	50,410	(4)
Sociology teachers, postsecondary	150	(4)	62,200	(4)
Health specialties teachers, postsecondary	3,290	(4)	102,600	(4)
Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary	780	(4)	77,460	(4)
Education teachers, postsecondary	380	(4)	57,390	(4)
Criminal justice and law enforcement teachers, postsecondary	80	(4)	46,830	(4)
Art, drama, and music teachers, postsecondary	660	(4)	54,970	(4)
English language and literature teachers, postsecondary	1,030	(4)	61,540	(4)
Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary	(5)	(4)	44,060	(4)
History teachers, postsecondary	220	(4)	61,450	(4)
Philosophy and religion teachers, postsecondary	110	(4)	57,110	(4)
Recreation and fitness studies teachers, postsecondary	170	(4)	48,940	(4)
Vocational education teachers, postsecondary	2,010	17.34	36,070	14.23
Preschool teachers, except special education	5,600	10.93	22,730	8.48
Kindergarten teachers, except special education	2,490	(4)	43,210	(4)
Elementary school teachers, except special education	28,910	(4)	44,720	(4)
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	16,340	(4)	45,230	(4)
Vocational education teachers, middle school	440	(4)	47,560	(4)
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	18,000	(4)	47,020	(4)
Vocational education teachers, secondary school	1,720	(4)	50,380	(4)

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment (1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual (2)	
Special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten, & elementary school	2,990	(4)	45,500	(4)
Special education teachers, middle school	1,200	(4)	45,020	(4)
Special education teachers, secondary school	1,160	(4)	45,690	(4)
Adult literacy, remedial education, and GED teachers and instructors	840	20.33	42,290	21.00
Self-enrichment education teachers	1,380	17.89	37,210	16.47
Teachers and instructors, all other	15,300	(4)	21,490	(4)
Archivists	50	19.26	40,060	18.14
Curators	120	21.49	44,690	20.05
Museum technicians and conservators	100	14.33	29,810	11.38
Librarians	2,050	23.87	49,650	23.90
Library technicians	650	13.04	27,120	12.57
Audio-visual collections specialists	220	19.88	41,340	21.61
Farm and home management advisors	150	16.46	34,230	16.31
Instructional coordinators	1,750	29.02	60,370	30.12
Teacher assistants	14,700	(4)	17,030	(4)
Education, training, and library workers, all other	(5)	14.86	30,900	14.43
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b>	<b>21,740</b>	<b>19.11</b>	<b>39,750</b>	<b>16.04</b>
Art directors	360	26.27	54,630	21.81
Craft artists	130	10.02	20,840	10.99
Fine artists, including painters, sculptors, and illustrators	140	20.31	42,240	19.18
Multi-media artists and animators	160	24.60	51,170	23.01
Artists and related workers, all other	(5)	11.29	23,490	11.94
Commercial and industrial designers	670	24.95	51,900	18.05
Floral designers	1,000	10.13	21,080	9.43
Graphic designers	3,050	21.52	44,760	18.62
Interior designers	570	23.47	48,830	21.19
Merchandise displayers and window trimmers	870	11.74	24,410	9.84
Set and exhibit designers	330	19.03	39,580	17.74
Designers, all other	(5)	16.48	34,270	13.30
Producers and directors	510	26.56	55,250	23.62
Athletes and sports competitors	140	(4)	81,800	(4)
Coaches and scouts	1,590	(4)	38,880	(4)
Umpires, referees, and other sports officials	70	(4)	30,700	(4)
Dancers	420	7.43	(4)	6.47
Choreographers	470	15.31	31,840	13.24
Music directors and composers	30	(5)	(5)	(5)
Musicians and singers	780	12.71	(4)	8.69
Entertainers and performers, sports and related workers, all other	(5)	12.91	(4)	8.92
Radio and television announcers	560	13.99	29,090	11.29
Public address system and other announcers	200	13.15	27,340	14.62
Reporters and correspondents	560	18.63	38,750	12.35
Public relations specialists	1,980	24.75	51,490	21.63
Editors	780	25.29	52,610	19.85
Technical writers	1,060	25.80	53,670	24.62
Writers and authors	220	21.91	45,580	17.24
Interpreters and translators	1,040	23.11	48,060	27.42
Media and communication workers, all other	(5)	24.24	50,410	23.65
Audio and video equipment technicians	760	13.49	28,050	12.66
Broadcast technicians	420	12.44	25,870	10.72
Sound engineering technicians	180	12.57	26,150	10.97
Photographers	1,200	10.77	22,390	9.28
Camera operators, television, video, and motion picture	70	13.52	28,110	13.43
Film and video editors	100	21.50	44,720	18.98
Media and communication equipment workers, all other	30	31.64	65,810	30.74
<b>Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations</b>	<b>112,820</b>	<b>28.66</b>	<b>59,610</b>	<b>23.88</b>
Chiropractors	190	41.39	86,100	39.60
Dentists, general	1,600	66.65	138,630	(3)
Orthodontists	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Dietitians and nutritionists	850	22.92	47,670	21.90
Optometrists	410	26.41	54,920	23.52
Pharmacists	4,410	42.99	89,420	43.47
Anesthesiologists	2,300	84.37	175,480	(3)
Family and general practitioners	1,640	47.65	99,120	43.40
Internists, general	800	59.11	122,940	55.75
Obstetricians and gynecologists	400	61.93	128,820	66.76
Pediatricians, general	440	43.82	91,140	21.97

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment (1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual (2)	
Psychiatrists	290	43.87	91,250	32.14
Surgeons	(5)	76.35	158,820	(3)
Physicians and surgeons, all other	2,230	66.76	138,860	(3)
Physician assistants	740	36.95	76,850	38.27
Podiatrists	(5)	51.30	106,710	52.21
Registered nurses	39,200	28.23	58,720	27.33
Audiologists	340	23.03	47,900	23.30
Occupational therapists	1,470	29.39	61,130	28.53
Physical therapists	1,840	32.72	68,050	32.62
Radiation therapists	150	33.48	69,630	34.16
Recreational therapists	140	15.88	33,030	14.70
Respiratory therapists	1,970	21.31	44,320	20.82
Speech-language pathologists	1,700	24.95	51,890	24.16
Therapists, all other	60	22.58	46,970	22.25
Veterinarians	1,370	41.60	86,520	34.26
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners, all other	1,750	49.09	102,100	31.88
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists	3,230	21.53	44,780	21.10
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians	2,970	13.65	28,390	13.01
Dental hygienists	2,530	31.31	65,120	32.44
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians	530	18.61	38,710	17.72
Diagnostic medical sonographers	710	25.47	52,980	25.26
Nuclear medicine technologists	290	29.04	60,400	28.49
Radiologic technologists and technicians	2,940	21.16	44,010	20.98
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics	3,210	13.53	28,150	13.30
Dietetic technicians	390	14.43	30,010	13.37
Pharmacy technicians	5,190	12.70	26,410	12.59
Psychiatric technicians	810	12.13	25,230	11.44
Respiratory therapy technicians	500	17.30	35,990	17.32
Surgical technologists	1,850	16.97	35,300	16.75
Veterinary technologists and technicians	1,230	10.63	22,100	9.80
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	12,350	18.10	37,640	17.92
Medical records and health information technicians	1,980	13.97	29,060	12.89
Opticians, dispensing	1,460	11.79	24,520	11.19
Orthotists and prosthetists	60	33.65	70,000	35.41
Health technologists and technicians, all other	1,040	16.27	33,850	13.41
Occupational health and safety specialists	1,090	32.26	67,100	27.89
Occupational health and safety technicians	240	19.90	41,390	18.73
Athletic trainers	140	(4)	42,980	(4)
Healthcare practitioners and technical workers, all other	560	20.00	41,600	16.53
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b>	<b>48,650</b>	<b>10.08</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>9.34</b>
Home health aides	8,820	7.61	15,820	6.57
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	17,830	9.44	19,620	9.19
Psychiatric aides	640	9.70	20,170	8.86
Occupational therapist assistants	340	18.00	37,440	18.25
Occupational therapist aides	40	12.39	25,770	11.82
Physical therapist assistants	710	20.35	42,330	19.95
Physical therapist aides	590	9.13	19,000	9.29
Massage therapists	530	14.12	29,370	12.18
Dental assistants	4,300	13.76	28,620	12.80
Medical assistants	10,470	9.66	20,090	9.34
Medical equipment preparers	590	11.23	23,350	10.96
Medical transcriptionists	880	15.48	32,190	14.97
Pharmacy aides	180	8.78	18,260	8.16
Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers	850	8.82	18,350	8.95
Healthcare support workers, all other	1,880	13.60	28,290	12.37
<b>Protective service occupations</b>	<b>52,760</b>	<b>16.96</b>	<b>35,270</b>	<b>15.73</b>
First-line supervisors/managers of correctional officers	640	17.27	35,930	15.89
First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives	850	36.95	76,860	38.01
First-line supervisors/managers, protective service workers, all other	580	19.86	41,310	16.73
Correctional officers and jailers	6,390	13.94	29,000	13.75
Detectives and criminal investigators	1,430	28.58	59,440	25.96
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	14,360	22.56	46,930	22.48
Animal control workers	140	13.30	27,660	13.00
Private detectives and investigators	500	17.00	35,360	16.69
Security guards	17,990	10.70	22,250	9.30
Crossing guards	400	8.02	16,670	7.28

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
Lifeguards, ski patrol, & other recreational protective service workers	1,400	7.67	15,950	7.00
Protective service workers, all other	1,910	17.27	35,920	15.87
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b>	<b>178,950</b>	<b>7.78</b>	<b>16,180</b>	<b>6.84</b>
Chefs and head cooks	1,460	17.05	35,460	15.84
First-line supervisors/managers of food preparation & serving workers	16,950	11.93	24,820	10.88
Cooks, fast food	3,760	6.92	14,390	6.76
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	4,680	9.33	19,400	8.82
Cooks, restaurant	13,090	8.09	16,820	7.88
Cooks, short order	(5)	8.48	17,650	8.30
Cooks, all other	(5)	8.69	18,080	8.23
Food preparation workers	7,150	7.43	15,450	7.30
Bartenders	5,100	7.91	16,460	6.65
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	55,100	6.87	14,300	6.51
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop	7,560	6.71	13,960	6.46
Waiters and waitresses	33,920	7.26	15,100	6.47
Food servers, nonrestaurant	2,170	7.13	14,830	6.60
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers	8,050	6.41	13,330	6.29
Dishwashers	6,790	6.90	14,350	6.62
Hosts and hostesses, restaurant, lounge, and coffee shop	5,020	7.10	14,760	6.59
Food preparation and serving related workers, all other	1,520	9.57	19,910	9.37
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b>	<b>77,770</b>	<b>8.50</b>	<b>17,670</b>	<b>7.76</b>
First-line supervisors/managers of housekeeping and janitorial workers	3,340	12.63	26,260	11.62
First-line supervisors/managers of landscaping, lawn service, and groundskeeping workers	1,810	15.07	31,340	13.12
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	42,570	8.16	16,980	7.49
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	14,590	7.10	14,770	6.88
Pest control workers	1,060	13.73	28,560	13.75
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	13,240	8.45	17,580	8.09
Pesticide handlers, sprayers, and applicators, vegetation	170	12.00	24,960	10.76
Grounds maintenance workers, all other	(5)	14.86	30,910	12.57
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b>	<b>59,390</b>	<b>10.59</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>7.11</b>
Gaming supervisors	30	12.35	25,690	10.23
First-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers	2,140	13.42	27,910	11.46
Animal trainers	100	13.07	27,190	13.96
Nonfarm animal caretakers	1,730	8.66	18,020	8.09
Gaming and sports book writers and runners	350	8.76	18,220	8.07
Motion picture projectionists	160	6.02	12,520	6.12
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	3,460	6.49	13,490	6.29
Amusement and recreation attendants	3,660	7.21	15,000	6.81
Costume attendants	60	9.73	20,240	9.69
Locker room, coatroom, and dressing room attendants	220	8.97	18,650	8.53
Entertainment attendants and related workers, all other	790	8.65	18,000	8.39
Embalmers	(5)	10.45	21,740	9.95
Funeral attendants	440	8.57	17,820	8.13
Barbers	(5)	23.19	48,240	13.93
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists	5,470	11.97	24,890	10.26
Makeup artists, theatrical and performance	50	15.65	32,540	10.52
Manicurists and pedicurists	960	8.30	17,260	6.57
Shampooers	270	7.90	16,430	6.92
Skin care specialists	260	15.16	31,530	14.67
Baggage porters and bellhops	570	7.99	16,610	6.78
Concierges	280	12.64	26,290	9.92
Tour guides and escorts	240	8.70	18,090	8.57
Travel guides	40	16.41	34,130	17.51
Child care workers	8,680	7.22	15,010	6.81
Personal and home care aides	18,880	6.54	13,610	6.38
Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors	1,660	16.45	34,220	12.91
Recreation workers	2,360	9.79	20,370	9.22
Residential advisors	290	9.69	20,150	8.77
Personal care and service workers, all other	330	7.52	15,640	7.20
<b>Sales and related occupations</b>	<b>239,880</b>	<b>16.62</b>	<b>34,560</b>	<b>10.52</b>
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	21,100	19.23	40,000	16.42
First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers	6,990	36.83	76,610	30.98

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
Cashiers	56,650	7.79	16,210	7.64
Gaming change persons and booth cashiers	(5)	12.49	25,980	10.83
Counter and rental clerks	6,400	12.79	26,610	10.17
Parts salespersons	3,850	16.24	33,770	14.88
Retail salespersons	77,750	11.16	23,210	8.73
Advertising sales agents	2,010	22.98	47,810	19.88
Insurance sales agents	(5)	33.79	70,270	22.83
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents	3,750	48.14	100,140	40.90
Travel agents	1,680	12.90	26,830	13.38
Sales representatives, services, all other	8,070	27.28	56,740	24.29
Sales representatives, wholesale & mfg, technical & scientific products	5,460	34.42	71,590	29.59
Sales representatives, wholesale & mfg, except technical & scientific products	28,110	26.62	55,370	22.88
Demonstrators and product promoters	1,420	12.03	25,010	10.51
Real estate brokers	420	34.36	71,480	27.36
Real estate sales agents	3,130	(5)	(5)	(5)
Sales engineers	1,960	45.80	95,270	42.17
Telemarketers	4,200	10.56	21,960	9.84
Door-to-door sales workers, news and street vendors, & related workers	(5)	9.50	19,770	8.33
Sales and related workers, all other	3,000	21.39	44,490	14.86
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b>	<b>395,050</b>	<b>14.32</b>	<b>29,780</b>	<b>13.23</b>
First-line supervisors/mgrs of office & administrative support workers	25,070	21.16	44,010	20.17
Switchboard operators, including answering service	3,050	11.26	23,420	10.73
Bill and account collectors	9,830	15.06	31,330	14.74
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators	8,710	13.96	29,040	13.85
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	31,710	15.05	31,300	14.59
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	3,400	16.00	33,280	15.49
Procurement clerks	1,160	15.82	32,900	15.70
Tellers	8,540	11.03	22,930	10.93
Brokerage clerks	680	18.12	37,680	17.67
Correspondence clerks	260	14.51	30,180	14.85
Court, municipal, and license clerks	1,150	12.65	26,310	11.52
Credit authorizers, checkers, and clerks	800	14.96	31,110	13.56
Customer service representatives	40,830	13.66	28,420	12.47
Eligibility interviewers, government programs	240	14.05	29,230	13.84
File clerks	5,020	11.37	23,650	10.30
Hotel, motel, and resort desk clerks	2,290	7.78	16,190	7.74
Interviewers, except eligibility and loan	5,110	13.16	27,360	13.10
Library assistants, clerical	1,130	9.89	20,570	9.31
Loan interviewers and clerks	(5)	16.63	34,590	16.78
New accounts clerks	1,370	14.12	29,370	13.67
Order clerks	3,870	13.42	27,900	12.39
Human resources assistants, except payroll and timekeeping	2,600	16.22	33,730	15.71
Receptionists and information clerks	18,380	11.23	23,360	10.67
All other information and record clerks	3,200	17.78	36,970	15.32
Cargo and freight agents	2,970	16.36	34,030	15.79
Couriers and messengers	1,350	13.34	27,750	11.86
Police, fire, and ambulance dispatchers	970	14.68	30,530	15.13
Dispatchers, except police, fire, and ambulance	3,600	16.09	33,460	14.89
Meter readers, utilities	820	12.35	25,690	11.92
Postal service clerks	520	22.93	47,690	23.66
Postal service mail carriers	5,490	21.84	45,430	22.59
Postal service mail sorters, processors, & processing machine operators	3,130	20.40	42,430	21.28
Production, planning, and expediting clerks	5,440	18.16	37,770	17.45
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	12,910	12.39	25,760	11.78
Stock clerks and order fillers	24,120	10.53	21,910	9.76
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers, recordkeeping	1,900	12.51	26,020	11.92
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	37,600	18.24	37,940	17.53
Legal secretaries	3,920	21.30	44,290	22.17
Medical secretaries	3,020	13.01	27,070	12.53
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	37,640	12.31	25,600	12.04
Computer operators	2,640	15.50	32,240	15.08
Data entry keyers	5,540	11.78	24,490	11.31
Word processors and typists	950	16.16	33,620	14.65
Desktop publishers	310	16.55	34,430	15.44
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks	(5)	16.06	33,410	15.56
Mail clerks and mail machine operators, except postal service	1,730	11.20	23,290	10.59

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
Office clerks, general	42,910	11.28	23,470	10.77
Office machine operators, except computer	1,280	13.41	27,880	12.09
Proofreaders and copy markers	80	14.40	29,960	14.87
Statistical assistants	70	16.37	34,040	16.50
Office and administrative support workers, all other	2,320	11.80	24,550	10.81
<b>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>9.33</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>7.35</b>
First-line supervisors/managers of farming, fishing, & forestry workers	120	25.96	53,990	26.49
Agricultural inspectors	30	27.75	57,720	28.34
Graders and sorters, agricultural products	330	6.91	14,360	6.87
Farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse	880	7.54	15,690	7.19
Farmworkers, farm and ranch animals	380	7.63	15,870	6.77
Fallers	(5)	12.33	25,640	12.32
Logging equipment operators	(5)	15.69	32,640	16.68
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b>	<b>141,650</b>	<b>14.70</b>	<b>30,570</b>	<b>13.36</b>
First-line supervisors/mgrs of construction trades & extraction workers	11,930	23.31	48,480	21.67
Boilermakers	1,030	21.30	44,300	19.92
Brickmasons and blockmasons	1,920	17.55	36,510	18.43
Stonemasons	30	19.93	41,450	19.11
Carpenters	9,420	14.26	29,660	14.30
Carpet installers	280	11.69	24,310	10.19
Tile and marble setters	930	16.11	33,510	14.78
Cement masons and concrete finishers	5,690	11.58	24,080	11.24
Terrazzo workers and finishers	40	15.23	31,680	12.95
Construction laborers	27,790	9.73	20,240	9.32
Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators	1,330	11.99	24,940	11.62
Pile-driver operators	170	17.96	37,360	16.41
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators	6,680	14.44	30,040	13.71
Drywall and ceiling tile installers	3,580	13.62	28,330	13.28
Tapers	280	13.54	28,160	12.96
Electricians	12,870	19.42	40,390	19.37
Glaziers	940	16.00	33,270	16.04
Insulation workers, floor, ceiling, and wall	1,870	14.08	29,280	13.89
Insulation workers, mechanical	1,310	15.57	32,390	15.25
Painters, construction and maintenance	4,700	13.62	28,330	12.81
Paperhangers	(5)	14.43	30,020	13.72
Pipelayers	1,210	11.63	24,190	11.51
Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	6,960	17.85	37,130	17.57
Plasterers and stucco masons	530	12.24	25,460	12.28
Reinforcing iron and rebar workers	2,000	12.60	26,200	12.23
Roofers	1,290	12.96	26,960	12.02
Sheet metal workers	3,060	15.41	32,060	14.77
Structural iron and steel workers	2,330	14.19	29,520	14.08
Helpers--brickmasons, blockmasons, stonemasons, & tile & marble setters	1,390	10.53	21,900	10.62
Helpers--carpenters	1,340	10.53	21,900	10.38
Helpers--electricians	3,130	11.60	24,120	11.29
Helpers--painters, paperhangers, plasterers, and stucco masons	860	9.35	19,440	9.03
Helpers--pipelayers, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	3,180	11.36	23,620	10.77
Helpers--roofers	(5)	12.68	26,370	12.36
Helpers, construction trades, all other	870	10.79	22,440	10.40
Construction and building inspectors	1,490	20.33	42,280	19.96
Elevator installers and repairers	380	24.05	50,020	22.79
Hazardous materials removal workers	1,150	13.81	28,730	12.93
Highway maintenance workers	310	12.92	26,870	12.12
Rail-track laying and maintenance equipment operators	(5)	10.84	22,550	10.26
Septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners	(5)	14.76	30,700	14.89
Construction and related workers, all other	420	17.54	36,490	16.20
Derrick operators, oil and gas	2,150	17.13	35,630	16.40
Rotary drill operators, oil and gas	2,010	19.75	41,070	19.14
Service unit operators, oil, gas, and mining	2,500	18.91	39,330	15.91
Earth drillers, except oil and gas	(5)	13.67	28,430	14.64
Explosives workers, ordnance handling experts, and blasters	(5)	13.58	28,250	12.43
Roustabouts, oil and gas	4,850	13.27	27,610	12.93
Helpers--extraction workers	2,930	12.09	25,140	11.24
Extraction workers, all other	1,030	17.02	35,410	14.34

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b>	100,380	17.94	37,320	16.43
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	9,250	26.90	55,960	25.28
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers	2,870	16.08	33,440	15.31
Radio mechanics	(5)	20.65	42,940	20.06
Electric motor, power tool, and related repairers	550	13.57	28,220	13.86
Electrical & electronics installers & repairers, transportation equipment	(5)	16.84	35,020	16.63
Electrical & electronics repairers, commercial & industrial equipment	1,250	23.19	48,230	23.76
Electrical and electronics repairers, powerhouse, substation, and relay	330	31.21	64,910	35.65
Electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles	90	18.85	39,210	15.85
Electronic home entertainment equipment installers and repairers	880	13.44	27,950	12.02
Security and fire alarm systems installers	620	14.41	29,980	13.49
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians	2,490	26.73	55,590	26.90
Automotive body and related repairers	2,430	17.69	36,800	16.64
Automotive glass installers and repairers	(5)	12.26	25,510	11.99
Automotive service technicians and mechanics	9,980	16.26	33,820	15.53
Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists	5,180	16.67	34,680	16.35
Farm equipment mechanics	130	14.34	29,830	13.99
Mobile heavy equipment mechanics, except engines	3,220	17.59	36,590	17.43
Rail car repairers	470	14.83	30,850	13.34
Motorboat mechanics	400	14.67	30,510	14.30
Motorcycle mechanics	220	17.11	35,590	16.02
Outdoor power equipment and other small engine mechanics	710	13.66	28,410	13.83
Bicycle repairers	150	10.38	21,580	11.05
Recreational vehicle service technicians	80	20.06	41,720	21.41
Tire repairers and changers	1,440	10.54	21,920	10.38
Control and valve installers and repairers, except mechanical door	1,960	18.71	38,930	18.59
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	5,240	18.79	39,080	16.57
Home appliance repairers	570	14.91	31,010	12.50
Industrial machinery mechanics	6,790	20.81	43,290	20.17
Maintenance and repair workers, general	23,470	14.40	29,950	13.16
Maintenance workers, machinery	1,080	14.26	29,660	13.62
Millwrights	570	19.59	40,750	19.64
Electrical power-line installers and repairers	1,980	23.93	49,780	24.40
Telecommunications line installers and repairers	2,550	20.13	41,880	22.81
Camera and photographic equipment repairers	(5)	14.47	30,090	12.95
Medical equipment repairers	500	18.88	39,260	17.75
Musical instrument repairers and tuners	160	15.19	31,590	12.75
Precision instrument and equipment repairers, all other	(5)	21.96	45,670	19.06
Coin, vending, and amusement machine servicers and repairers	600	12.01	24,980	12.01
Commercial divers	(5)	20.08	41,760	18.69
Locksmiths and safe repairers	290	13.49	28,050	13.16
Riggers	450	20.30	42,220	20.09
Helpers--installation, maintenance, and repair workers	4,300	10.65	22,160	10.20
Installation, maintenance, and repair workers, all other	1,000	12.88	26,780	10.79
<b>Production occupations</b>	164,790	15.43	32,090	13.36
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	14,400	25.78	53,610	24.02
Coil winders, tapers, and finishers	230	12.30	25,590	12.12
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	2,850	12.20	25,380	12.03
Electromechanical equipment assemblers	1,190	13.14	27,340	11.61
Engine and other machine assemblers	210	14.41	29,970	14.36
Structural metal fabricators and fitters	3,270	13.53	28,150	13.54
Fiberglass laminators and fabricators	400	13.57	28,230	14.62
Team assemblers	13,120	11.79	24,530	11.13
Timing device assemblers, adjusters, and calibrators	50	16.26	33,820	13.35
Assemblers and fabricators, all other	3,680	8.12	16,890	7.29
Bakers	1,390	9.52	19,800	9.52
Butchers and meat cutters	2,130	11.65	24,230	11.86
Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers	560	8.13	16,920	7.72
Food & tobacco roasting, baking, & drying machine operators & tenders	270	11.10	23,080	9.71
Food batchmakers	1,240	7.99	16,610	7.36
Food cooking machine operators and tenders	420	9.01	18,730	8.24
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic	4,520	15.55	32,350	15.77
Numerical tool and process control programmers	510	19.08	39,690	18.98
Extruding & drawing machine setters, operators, & tenders, metal & plastic	2,110	12.93	26,880	12.13
Forging machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	730	10.43	21,700	8.70
Rolling machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	340	12.11	25,190	11.46

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	3,670	12.36	25,700	11.43
Drilling and boring machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	700	11.92	24,800	10.97
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	2,370	11.79	24,520	11.15
Lathe and turning machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	1,940	12.98	26,990	12.25
Milling & planing machine setters, operators, & tenders, metal & plastic	550	15.52	32,280	15.39
Machinists	9,750	16.25	33,810	15.65
Metal-refining furnace operators and tenders	70	13.74	28,570	13.22
Pourers and casters, metal	90	9.52	19,800	8.79
Patternmakers, metal and plastic	70	10.50	21,830	9.68
Foundry mold and coremakers	50	11.46	23,830	11.39
Molding, coremaking, and casting machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	1,420	11.24	23,380	10.40
Multiple machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal & plastic	810	11.31	23,530	10.39
Tool and die makers	580	18.23	37,920	18.48
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	12,230	15.12	31,440	14.63
Welding, soldering, and brazing machine setters, operators, and tenders	590	13.79	28,680	12.60
Heat treating equipment setters, operators, & tenders, metal & plastic	790	13.46	27,990	13.25
Lay-out workers, metal and plastic	400	13.63	28,350	12.12
Plating & coating machine setters, operators, & tenders, metal & plastic	840	12.93	26,890	11.53
Tool grinders, filers, and sharpeners	190	14.26	29,650	13.62
Metal workers and plastic workers, all other	(5)	16.77	34,890	17.47
Bindery workers	420	12.51	26,020	11.88
Job printers	540	14.07	29,270	14.02
Prepress technicians and workers	720	15.56	32,360	14.84
Printing machine operators	1,960	14.92	31,040	14.72
Laundry and dry-cleaning workers	4,050	7.30	15,190	7.02
Pressers, textile, garment, and related materials	1,610	7.36	15,320	6.93
Sewing machine operators	1,360	9.13	19,000	9.08
Shoe and leather workers and repairers	(5)	10.85	22,560	10.29
Sewers, hand	(5)	6.79	14,120	6.55
Textile cutting machine setters, operators, and tenders	(5)	9.32	19,390	9.69
Textile winding, twisting, and drawing out machine setters, operators, and tenders	150	8.28	17,220	8.19
Extruding and forming machine setters, operators, and tenders, synthetic and glass fibers	220	14.96	31,110	13.39
Fabric and apparel patternmakers	(5)	14.16	29,460	14.43
Upholsterers	270	10.93	22,740	10.20
Textile, apparel, and furnishings workers, all other	110	14.39	29,930	15.58
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters	710	12.31	25,600	11.18
Furniture finishers	300	10.73	22,310	10.49
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, wood	570	9.54	19,840	9.31
Woodworking machine setters, operators, and tenders, except sawing	1,040	10.23	21,280	9.39
Woodworkers, all other	(5)	7.60	15,810	6.74
Power distributors and dispatchers	30	27.32	56,820	26.33
Power plant operators	570	27.37	56,930	26.99
Stationary engineers and boiler operators	780	19.82	41,230	18.73
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	1,290	15.41	32,050	14.90
Chemical plant and system operators	5,740	26.17	54,420	26.49
Gas plant operators	430	23.62	49,130	22.52
Petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers	8,350	26.18	54,460	25.68
Plant and system operators, all other	150	20.42	42,480	20.29
Chemical equipment operators and tenders	4,040	24.68	51,330	25.39
Separating, filtering, clarifying, precipitating, and still machine setters, operators, and tenders	730	15.07	31,350	13.21
Crushing, grinding, & polishing machine setters, operators, & tenders	1,100	10.83	22,520	10.84
Grinding and polishing workers, hand	680	11.04	22,970	10.34
Mixing and blending machine setters, operators, and tenders	3,160	12.29	25,570	10.70
Cutters and trimmers, hand	150	9.59	19,940	9.50
Cutting and slicing machine setters, operators, and tenders	1,140	10.77	22,390	10.22
Extruding, forming, pressing, and compacting machine setters, operators, and tenders	1,130	11.42	23,750	10.01
Furnace, kiln, oven, drier, and kettle operators and tenders	340	13.71	28,510	10.81
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	8,960	17.16	35,700	15.34
Jewelers and precious stone and metal workers	120	9.22	19,180	8.58

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**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2005 (continued)**

	Employment(1)	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual(2)	
Dental laboratory technicians	590	13.58	28,250	12.73
Medical appliance technicians	70	14.15	29,440	13.48
Ophthalmic laboratory technicians	670	10.01	20,820	9.52
Packaging and filling machine operators and tenders	4,120	11.38	23,670	10.23
Coating, painting, and spraying machine setters, operators, & tenders	1,710	12.48	25,960	11.90
Painters, transportation equipment	1,050	15.44	32,110	14.39
Painting, coating, and decorating workers	460	11.05	22,970	8.81
Photographic process workers	520	8.54	17,770	8.16
Photographic processing machine operators	770	8.74	18,170	8.27
Cementing and gluing machine operators and tenders	320	10.49	21,820	9.96
Cleaning, washing, and metal pickling equipment operators and tenders	240	9.94	20,680	9.13
Etchers and engravers	(5)	11.58	24,080	11.91
Molders, shapers, and casters, except metal and plastic	400	11.13	23,160	10.33
Paper goods machine setters, operators, and tenders	470	12.34	25,670	11.34
Helpers--production workers	5,390	9.25	19,240	8.66
Production workers, all other	1,500	12.27	25,520	10.90
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b>	<b>162,400</b>	<b>14.06</b>	<b>29,240</b>	<b>11.15</b>
First-line supervisors/mgrs of helpers,laborers,& material movers, hand	3,020	19.08	39,680	18.18
First-line supervisors/managers of transportation and material-moving machine and vehicle operators	3,380	25.56	53,150	22.71
Commercial pilots	570	(4)	59,340	(4)
Air traffic controllers	570	64.73	134,640	62.97
Airfield operations specialists	230	20.07	41,750	16.67
Ambulance drivers & attendants, except emergency medical technicians	40	9.26	19,270	8.75
Bus drivers, transit and intercity	3,530	14.01	29,140	14.56
Bus drivers, school	7,450	9.80	20,370	9.03
Driver/sales workers	5,080	10.58	22,010	9.49
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	24,070	16.25	33,800	15.32
Truck drivers, light or delivery services	15,610	13.24	27,530	12.20
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs	2,000	8.99	18,700	8.38
Motor vehicle operators, all other	(5)	7.87	16,380	7.64
Railroad brake, signal, and switch operators	240	12.01	24,980	11.96
Sailors and marine oilers	1,630	12.02	25,010	11.16
Captains, mates, and pilots of water vessels	1,530	23.72	49,340	23.46
Ship engineers	700	23.31	48,490	22.04
Parking lot attendants	3,590	7.22	15,010	6.81
Service station attendants	770	9.00	18,730	8.59
Traffic technicians	50	15.67	32,600	14.70
Transportation inspectors	540	22.86	47,550	12.91
Transportation workers, all other	1,030	13.01	27,060	12.19
Conveyor operators and tenders	710	12.58	26,170	12.74
Crane and tower operators	1,920	16.91	35,180	17.54
Dredge operators	(5)	16.48	34,280	14.39
Excavating and loading machine and dragline operators	2,030	13.26	27,590	12.86
Hoist and winch operators	(5)	13.63	28,360	11.94
Industrial truck and tractor operators	10,140	11.86	24,670	11.37
Cleaners of vehicles and equipment	7,230	8.92	18,560	8.40
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	45,530	10.97	22,830	9.73
Machine feeders and offbearers	890	9.35	19,440	8.15
Packers and packagers, hand	8,730	7.93	16,490	7.18
Gas compressor and gas pumping station operators	630	18.50	38,480	17.54
Pump operators, except wellhead pumpers	1,000	22.07	45,910	23.74
Refuse and recyclable material collectors	1,310	14.42	29,990	11.54
Tank car, truck, and ship loaders	510	18.29	38,030	17.39
Material moving workers, all other	1,890	15.14	31,500	13.05

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) Represents a wage equal to or greater than \$70.00 per hour.

(4) Wages for some occupations that do not generally work year-round, full time, are reported either as hourly wages or annual salaries depending on how they are typically paid.

(5) Estimates not released.